

Law No. 14 of 1990, ratifying the Joint Minutes concerning the provisional division of the waters of the Euphrates River.

ARTICLE 1 :

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Ratification of the Joint Minutes concerning the provisional division of the Euphrates waters between the Republic of Iraq and the Arab Republic of Syria signed in Baghdad on 11 Ramadan 1409 Hegira which falls on 17 March 1989 and the Speech of the Head of the Syrian Delegation in the Joint Technical Committee for Territorial Waters delivered before signing the Joint Minutes after the addition of the expression (by the approval of the Two Parties) to the end of the First Paragraph of the Speech although to be read as the following: (the Two Brothers Arab Parties will work together for the re-examination of it and to do the necessary modification on the condition that will be done with the approval of the Two Parties).

ARTICLE 2:

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This Law is to be published in the Official Gazette and to be implemented by the competent ministers.

JOINT MINUTES

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On the occasion of the thirteenth session of the Joint Technical Committee for Territorial Waters in Baghdad, the Two Parties Iraq and Syria held a meeting on 11 Ramadan 1409 Hegira which falls on 17 April 1989 in the seat of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Baghdad to exchange the point of view around the theme of the Euphrates Waters in a atmosphere characterized by the sense of friendship and the high spirit of responsibility toward the common, vital and legitimate interests of the Two Brothers Countries in the waters of Euphrates River.

Owing to intensive discussion and consultation carried out with considerable patient and effort between the Two Parties, and understanding the necessity to act quickly for reaching a bilateral agreement between them to facilitate the fulfilment of their common wish by reaching a trilateral agreement with Turkey around the division of the waters of Euphrates River.

Taking note of all these, the Two Parties Iraq and Syria waiting for reaching the trilateral agreement with Turkey agreed in the following:

1. The Iraq water share on the border region between Iraq and Syria is 58% as a fixed annual total percentage (water year) of the water of Euphrates River allowed to pass in Syria through the border with Turkey, and the Syrian share of water is the remainder quantity 42% of the water of Euphrates River allowed to pass through the border between Turkey and Syria.

2. Creation of a joint committee for laying down all technical and administrative details to implement the Agreement in the best way to realize the common interests.

3. The Agreement will be operative from the date of exchange of diplomatic notes notified of ratification in conformity with regulations.

Written down in Baghdad on 11 Ramada 1409 Hegira which falls on 17 April 1989 in Arabic in two original copies with the same effect and validity wherever the Two Parties preserved a copy for self.

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